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RE: UNITED STATES v. GARLAND WARE

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced today the sentencing of Garland Ware, age 44, of Cleveland, Ohio. Ware was convicted of trafficking in 232 counterfeit Super Bowl XXXVII tickets. United States District Judge William M. Skretny sentenced Ware to eighteen (18) months imprisonment and three years supervised release.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Allison P. Gioia stated that Ware was arrested with Jermaine McGowan, also of Cleveland, Ohio. McGowan pled guilty on June 12, 2003 to one count of trafficking in counterfeit goods, and was sentenced on December 15, 2003 to eighteen (18) months imprisonment. Ware and McGowan were apprehended with the 232 counterfeit tickets at the Lewiston Bridge just two days before the January 26, 2003 Super Bowl held in San Diego, California.

The conviction was the result of a joint investigation on the part of the United States Secret Service, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Mark Bryant, and the Department of Homeland Security, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter Smith.

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